

Amendment
Serial No. 10/811,600

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-12, 14, 17-19, 21 and 22 remain pending herein. Claims 1, 3, 13, 15, 16 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 14 and 22 are independent claims.

At the outset, Applicant notes with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 14, 17-18 and 22 are allowed.

Claims 5, 9 and 21 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 22, thereby placing all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Blahut (U.S. 6,778,550) and Koh *et al.* (U.S. Pub. 2004/0022536) ("Koh") and further in view of Suzuki *et al.* (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2005/0259541) ("Suzuki"). Claims 9 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Blahut in view of Koh and further in view of Suzuki and further in view of Hou *et al.* (U.S. 6,324,184) ("Hou"). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Blahut in view of Koh and further in view of Suzuki and further in view of Hou and further in view of Wright *et al.* (U.S. 6,411,410) ("Wright"). Claims 13, 15 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Koh and in view of Blahut and further in view of Suzuki. Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Kohn in view of Blahut and further in view of Suzuki and further in view of Chang (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2003/0020991) ("Chang"). Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Blahut in view of Koh and further in view of Suzuki and further in view of Hou and further in view of Mallya (U.S. Pat. Pub. 2004/0114633). Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds of rejection.

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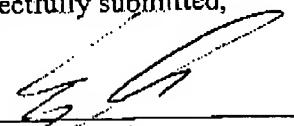
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Applicant respectfully submits that for at least the reason regarding the cancellation of the above-identified claims and the amendments to claims 5, 9 and 21 to change the respective dependencies thereof, all of the pending claims in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, all grounds of rejection in the Office Action have been overcome. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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